

Sermon Discussion Guide

Unto Us a Child Is Born

Isaiah 9:1-7

The present darkness (1-2)

Isa 5:20, 30; 29:18; 42:7; 45:7; 49:9; 58:10

- What types of situations were facing the people of God that Isaiah referred to as darkness?
- How does this prophecy help us as we look at the sin, suffering, and destruction around us?

The promised deliverance (3-5)

- How does this passage show that God's deliverance (light) will be a perfect solution to their present experience of darkness?
- How has God promised that he will take care of the exact darkness that you or ones you love are facing?
- How can we be tempted to respond to the darkness in our lives when we forget this promise?

The promised deliverer (6-7)

- How are each of the titles of Jesus in verse 6 comforting to us as we experience darkness?
- How can the promise of verse 7 help us as we deal with the sin and suffering of this life?
- How can believing that Jesus is an answer to our darkness help us as we talk with those who do not know Christ?